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Appl. No. 09/694,519  
Atty. Docket No. 8311  
Amdt. Dated 2003-08-25  
Reply to Office Action of 03-24-2003  
Customer No. 27752

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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/694,519  
Applicant(s) : Robert J. Isfort et al  
Filed : 10-23-2000  
Title : Methods for Identifying Compounds for Regulating Muscle Mass or Function Using Vasoactive Intestinal Peptide Receptors  
TC/A.U. : 1637  
Examiner : Teresa E. Strzelecka  
Conf. No. : 9641  
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## REPLY AND AMENDMENT AFTER 1<sup>ST</sup> OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111(b) and 37 CFR §1.111(c)

Mail Stop Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of March 24, 2003, the time for response being extended by 2 months, pursuant to the fee charged to the Assignee's Deposit Account in the papers submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks and reconsider the application. Attached hereto is a Petition for a 2-Month

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Extension of Time, and the fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(a), providing for a timely response up to and including August 25, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

*Amendments to the Specification* begin on page 3 of this paper.

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 4 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 10 of this paper.